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**COUNCIL PRESIDENT YOUNG VOWS TO PUSH AHEAD WITH NEW SPORTS STADIUM**

***Redevelopment projects big and small remain top priority for city council leader***

SAN DIEGO, Calif. (March 17, 2011) – Even if state lawmakers approve Gov. Jerry Brown’s budget plan that would eliminate local redevelopment agencies, San Diego City Council President Tony Young vows to keep pushing ahead with redevelopment projects big and small – including renewed efforts keep the San Diego Chargers in town and find a way to build a new sports stadium.

“It will be a difficult blow to our city if our redevelopment agencies go away,” said Council President Young. “But it doesn’t mean we are giving up on smaller sites like SEDC’s Valencia Business Park or big projects like the Convention Center expansion or a new sports stadium.”

He pledged to continue working with Chargers officials and sports boosters from around the region “to try everything possible” to prevent the NFL team from pulling up stakes and moving to another market, and further explore potential new sites and stadium funding sources.

“I will place an item on an upcoming City Council docket so local residents, civic leaders and sports team owners can all huddle up and consider more plays to keep professional sports in San Diego,” he said.

Council President Young also said the redevelopment fight is far from over. “Shame on the state for trying this blatant money grab that only further punishes communities that have been struggling hard to survive in these tough economic times.”

“We will not stop demanding that the state retain redevelopment agencies and keep its hands off of our local tax dollars,” he said. “I see everyday - not only in my district but all around this city - how redevelopment agencies serve as effective economic engines.”

If the budget plan passes and redevelopment agencies are eliminated, “law suits galore are guaranteed,” he added. “You can be sure that there will be a full court press by city officials up and down the state to protect the much needed jobs, affordable housing and economic growth that results from local redevelopment.”

Council President Young holds office hours every week alternating between his downtown San Diego and District 4 offices. Join him to discuss ways to keep the San Diego Chargers in town and build a new sports stadium, among other things, on Friday, March 18 from noon to 3 p.m. on the 10<sup>th</sup> floor at City Hall, 202 C Street. For more information, call (619) 236-6644.